

SHERMAN FOR WAR WITH SPAIN FOR MURDERING AMERICANS.

McKinley's Secretary of State Tells the Journal That We Cannot Stand Idly By While Our Citizens Are Being Butchered in Cuba.

Minister Taylor at Madrid Ordered by Olney to Demand an Immediate Investigation Into Dr. Ruiz's Death---All Now Waits Upon the Next Report from Lee.

(An authorized interview yesterday with Senator Sherman, Secretary of State of the Incoming Administration, by the Journal correspondent in Washington.)

"I HAVE no information concerning the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, save what I have read in the Journal, but if the facts are true, as reported, and American citizens are being murdered in Cuba in cold blood, THE ONLY WAY TO PUT AN END TO THE ATROCITIES IS TO DECLARE WAR ON SPAIN.

"I know not what course Secretary Olney may pursue, but this is no longer a question of belligerency but one of the foul murder of an American citizen held as a suspect.

We have already recognized Cuba's belligerency by an act of Congress passed last session but we have not recognized independence.

"We have a right to interfere if either Spain or Cuba fails to carry on civilized warfare, though the death of Ruiz is quite another matter.

"I suppose that, Secretary Olney having requested a full investigation, Consul-General Lee will again promptly call upon the Spanish authorities for the facts in Ruiz's case, and that if Ruiz's body has been buried it will be exhumed and examined.

"Then if the investigation shows that an American has been murdered, Spain will be asked to make reparation.

"If she refuses to do so the United States ought to force her by declaring war. We cannot stand idly by and permit the Spaniards to butcher Americans as they please. We are bound to protect our citizens, and I think Americans in Cuba will be protected even if we have to resort to arms.

"Congress has done its duty and there is nothing more to do save to recognize the independence of Cuba. I cannot say what will be done, but I think these atrocities, if they are true as reported, should be stopped immediately.

Olney Instructs Minister Taylor, at Madrid, to Demand an Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary Olney has cabled to Minister Taylor at Madrid a strong note instructing him to make a firm demand for an immediate investigation into the facts surrounding the death of Dr. Ruiz.

As yet the Navy Department has not ordered any warships to Havana, though Secretary Olney and Secretary Herbert have been in consultation to-day. Consul-General Lee is desirous that one or more vessels should be sent, but he also is, and has been for several months, desirous that the United States should take positive action in Cuba. Secretary Herbert returned to this city this morning, but declared that he had not been advised of any intention to send one or more warships to Cuban waters. The understanding now is that additional information has been asked of Consul-General Lee, and that the nature of these advices will determine the need of naval demonstration at Havana.

It is expected that the Navy Department will be apprised of Lee's additional report to-morrow, and it is suggested that possibly two ships will be sent to Havana from Charleston. That city was made the basis of a supply of 5,000 tons of coal about three weeks ago, and it is an easy matter to dispatch several ships to Cuba without delay.

Secretary Olney to-day cabled Consul-General Lee that Minister De Lome had advised his Government to allow an investigation. Minister De Lome still refuses to discuss the matter.

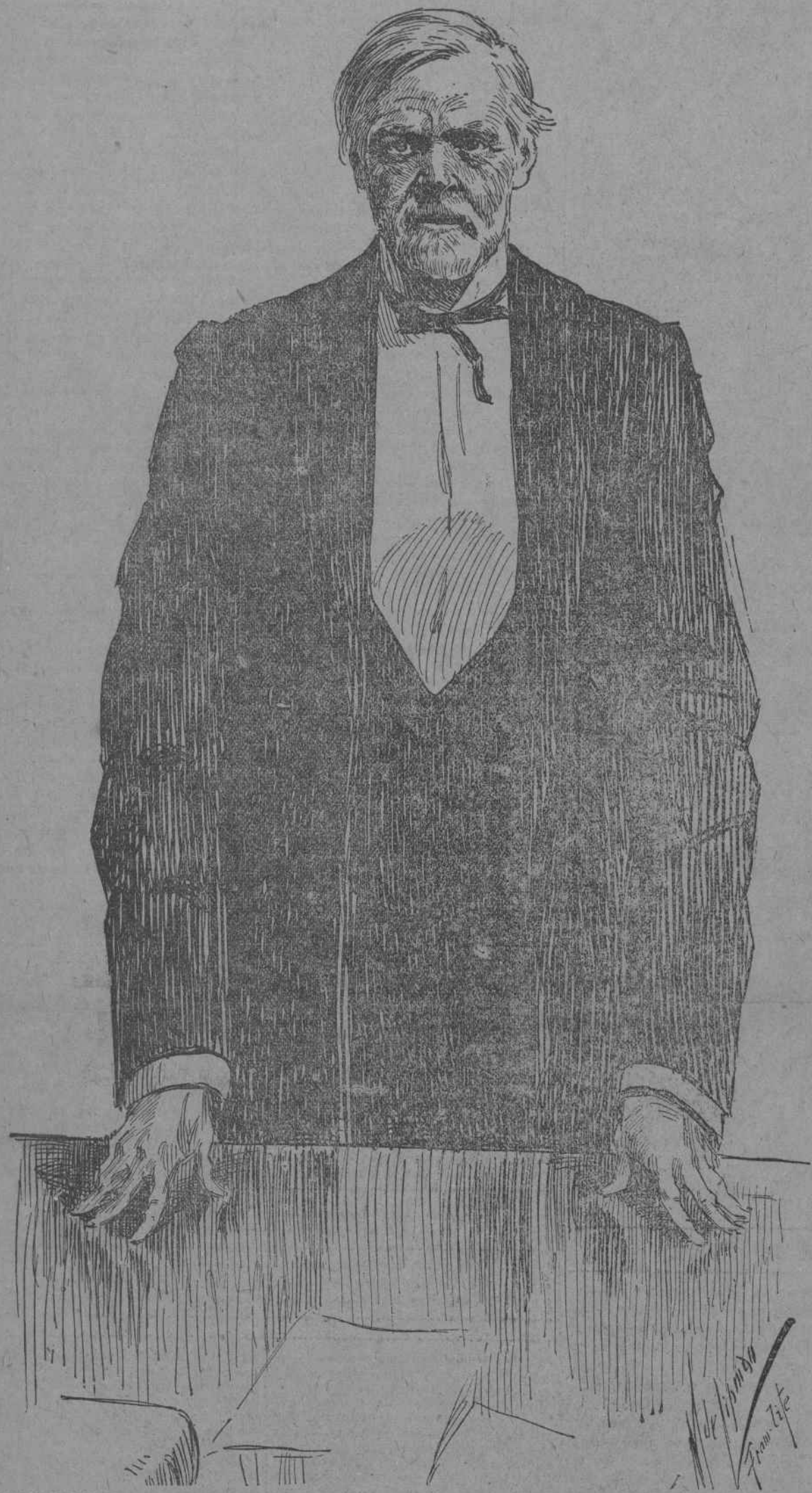
Secretary Olney said to-night, concerning the report that Lee had asked for men-of-war:

"It is absolutely false. In the first place, unless there was a grave state of affairs there, General Lee would not make such a request. Besides, the department would not grant such a request at this stage unless it was absolutely necessary for the protection of American lives. This General Lee knows."

It is no secret that General Lee and Secretary Olney are at odds about the course this country should pursue in Cuba. General Lee's message yesterday was stronger than at first stated.

Despite the earnest, almost morbid desire of President Cleveland to avoid serious difficulty with Spain during the few remaining hours of his Administration, the complication has arisen which may force action. Dr. Ruiz undoubtedly met his death by foul treatment in the Spanish prison at Guanabacoa, and the refusal by the Spanish officials at Havana of Consul-General Lee's demand for an investigation makes the situation very serious.

That President McKinley will have to change the policy of the State Department in relation to Cuba is unquestioned by any one who is alive to the state of public sentiment. President Cleveland occupies a position more indifferent to the wishes of the American people than any autocrat in Europe would dare assume toward the wishes of his subjects.



OLNEY SPAIN'S ALLY.

Creelman Makes Disclosure of a Secret Partnership.

By James Creelman.

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Paris, Feb. 21.—The most astonishing and shameful fact in the whole story of Secretary of State Olney's secret partnership with the Spanish Minister at Washington, Senor Dupuy De Lome, in the conspiracy to overthrow the Cuban Republic and assist Captain-General Weyler in his campaign of murder has just been revealed to me. Congress can find written record of Olney's treachery to his country in the files of the State Department.

Everybody will remember the horrible manner in which Dr. Delgado, a peaceable American gentleman, was shot down and hacked with machetes after his father's servants had been killed in cold blood by his side.

Insulted American Citizenship.

The American people were thrilled by the wounded doctor's description of how General Melguizo, commanding the Spanish column, flung Delgado's certificate of American citizenship to the ground and slapped him three times in the face, after which he was shot down and mutilated by Spanish soldiers.

A more fiendish offence against civilization than this deliberate crime can scarcely be conceived. General Melguizo was so intent on showing his hatred and contempt for American citizenship that he boasted to his bound and helpless prisoner that if the American Consul were present he would be treated in the same way. Abundant sworn evidence of this insult to the United States was forwarded to Washington, and Spain replied to the formal complaint of the American Government by promoting Melguizo. 61207

Taylor Demanded Redress.

I now learn that Minister Taylor made a vigorous fight for redress in Madrid. The Spanish Government at first declared in a long communication that Delgado and the other prisoners had been released by General Melguizo and had been subsequently attacked by rebels. Minister Taylor replied that

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Ruiz in his Cell at Guanabacoa.

LEE ANGRY.

Consul-General at Havana Finds Ruiz Was Killed.

Protests and Asks Olney for Warships, but He Remains Unheeded.

By George Eugene Bryson.

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Havana, Feb. 20, via Key West.—The murder of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz in Guanabacoa, may bring American warships to Havana, may force the Government at Washington out of its policy of ignoring the wrongs done its citizens and compel the Spaniards to cease their cruelties and other outrages at least on American citizens. Cleveland and Olney are blamed here for Ruiz's death, and it is the gossip of the cafes that Consul-General Lee, disgusted at the ignoring of his urgent messages, has threatened to resign his post unless the warships are sent and the Government at Washington takes a stand that will enable him to protect Americans in Cuba.

Ruiz was reported as having killed himself in his dungeon. He really died from a frightful blow on the head inflicted within a few hours of his death. He died in a filthy cell so small that he could not lie at full length in it, and in that cell he was kept for thirteen days in solitary confinement, half starved and tortured with thirst. Other prisoners heard him scream and beg for mercy on Wednesday night and they sent word that the hapless American citi-

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Melguizo's Assault on Delgado.